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# Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

BARR ET AL.

Examiner

Sin J. Lee

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## Period for Reply

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## Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 06 February 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

## Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-10 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-6 and 8-10 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 7 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

## Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 06 February 2004 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

## Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

## Attachment(s)

- ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 11/01/04.
- ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. \_\_\_\_\_.
- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_.

## DETAILED ACTION

### *Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102*

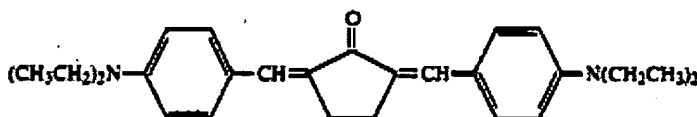
1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 1-6 and 8-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Kuchta (5,112,721).

Kuchta teaches (col.4, lines 9-68, col.3, lines 1-56) a photopolymerizable composition containing (1) at least one ethylenically unsaturated monomer; (2) at least one *polymeric binder*; (3) an initiator system which includes a hexaarylbisimidazole, a *chain transfer agent*, and a sensitizer; (4) a co-sensitizer which specific example is shown in col.12 and also shown below;



The co-sensitizer shown above teaches present sensitizer of formula (I) of claim 1 and present cyclopentanone based conjugated photosensitizer of claim 4. Kuchta teaches (col.9, lines 48-51) the amount of the co-sensitizer to be 0.01-0.2%. Therefore, the prior art teaches present range of 0.005wt%-10 wt% of claim 6; as stated in In re Wertheim, 541 F.2d 257, 191 USPQ 90 (CCPA 1976), "the disclosure in the prior art of any value within a claimed range is an anticipation of that range." Also, since the prior art teaches present amount of claim 6, it is the Examiner's position that Kuchta's composition

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inherently contains sufficient amounts of the sensitizer to affect a color or shade change in the imaging composition upon application of energy at intensities of 5mW or less as presently recited in claim 1, 4, and 8. Kuchta applies his photopolymerizable composition onto a substrate and imagewise exposes the coated film to light sources such as neodymium:YAG laser, xenon, argon ion, and ionized neon laser, tunable dye lasers. Therefore, the prior art teaches present inventions of claims 1-6 and 8-10.

***Allowable Subject Matter***

3. Claim 7 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Although Kuchta teaches present sensitizer, a solvent (a diluent), an acrylic polymer, the prior art does not teach or suggest present thickener of claim 7.

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Sin J. Lee whose telephone number is 571-272-1333. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 9:00 am EST to 5:30 pm EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Cynthia Kelly, can be reached on 571-272-1526. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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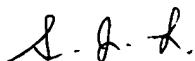
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